

Small Boat Harbor at Redondo High on State's Priority List

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The Joint Interim Committee on Marine Affairs and Bay Area Development, commonly called the "Boat-Harbor Committee," of which I am vice chairman, recently completed its report for the years 1953 and 1954, and made recommendations bringing the report up to March 15, 1955. The five Senators and five Members of the Assembly who constitute this Committee have been reading the typed manuscript for the report and are sending it to the printers this week.

Officially, we cannot release the whole report until it has been printed, but we have had it read by members of the Citizens Advisory Committee, hence it is by no means a secret. Part of the report pertains to the proposed small-boat harbor at Redondo Beach, which is quite high in priority.

We have established several formulas for classifying potential boat harbors so that we can decide which one should be built first on a scientific basis and not merely on a political level. It is encouraging to know that the proposed harbor at Redondo Beach is high on any one of the classification formulas.

If possible, we shall appropriate money to be used to match any funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States. In addition, it is possible for Redondo Beach to form a harbor district which can levy taxes to start the harbor, but I have found by correspondence and visits with many citizens of Redondo Beach that they are hesitant to spend local money. It is true that the proposed harbor is of interest to people who live all over California, but it will increase the property values tremendously, just as the boat harbor at Playa del Rey has hiked property values there.

Cerebral Palsied Pupils

The education program for cerebral palsied pupils requires, in addition to the instructional program, facilities for occupational and physical therapy, and much special equipment not required for the regular program. Because of these facts, it is obvious that it costs more to educate cerebral palsied pupils than other students.

Under present laws, the so-called "impoverished" school districts can borrow from the State funds to build and equip classrooms and therapy rooms for these young people. However, those districts which are not classed as "impoverished" may find it difficult to find the money for these facilities.

For these reasons, on Jan. 20, 1955, I introduced my Assembly Bill No. 2611 which appropriates State money to be used on a matching fund basis, that is, the State puts up one-half the money and the school district supplies the other half.

When my bill becomes a law, those districts which are not regarded as "impoverished" will be treated the same as those which have obtained the so-called "impoverished" rating. I know that this will be welcomed by the taxpayers of several school districts within the 46th Assembly District, principally because it puts all youngsters handicapped by cerebral palsy on the same basis.

Muffler Legislation

On Aug. 12, 1953, the Superior Court of Fresno County issued an injunction restraining the California Highway Patrol from enforcing the provisions of Sections 673 and 684 of the Vehicle Code relating to automobile mufflers. The Superior Court held that the statutes in question were unconstitutional.

The California Highway Patrol, through the Attorney General's Office, appealed this decision and on March 2, 1955, the Fourth District Court of Appeal reversed the Fresno County Superior Court. However, under the law this reversal does not become operative until 60 days after March 2, 1955.

The California Highway Patrol has submitted two bills during the current session of the Legislature providing for a system wherein all mufflers used on vehicles in California will be of a type approved by the Highway Patrol. The trucking industry and the manufacturers of automobiles believe that the passage of these bills, A.B. 1062 and A.B. 1063, will be a forward step toward reduction of motor noise.

Juvenile Delinquency

Most adults who write to about juvenile delinquency believe that parents are not strict enough with children, that there should be more supervision of children by their parents, and that local laws should provide a curfew at 9 or 10 p.m. for those under the age of 16. Also, most parents say that the lack of discipline in schools is caused by parents not permitting school officials and teachers to be more strict during school hours. They believe that school officials should have the authority to administer physical punishment to grammar school and high school students for serious infractions of good order. The same parents also believe that parents should spank naughty children up to the age of 12 or 14 years of age. Personally, I think this is debatable.



NEW MARKET OPENS . . . The Farmer Boys Market opened its doors for the first time this month at the corner of Carson and Figueroa Sts. The large store is still celebrating its grand opening. Manager Joe Snell announced, specializing in wholesale and retail produce, the market was forced to move by increased business, he said. Pat Fern is field man, while Jim Cloer is buyer.

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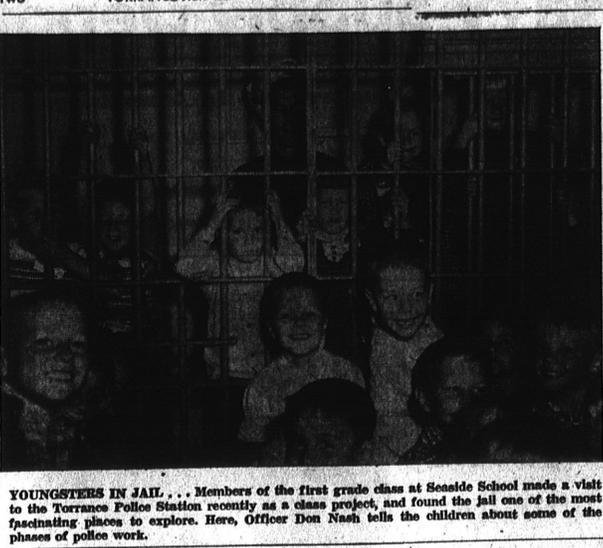
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